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New Mexico – On Monday, May 3rd, members of the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce presented Congressman Harry Teague with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Enterprise Award in recognition of his pro-business voting record during the first session of the 111th Congress. The award, announced last week by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, acknowledges Congressman Teague’s commitment and dedication to promoting small businesses and fighting for their interests in Congress.

“As a small business man in New Mexico’s oil and gas industry for over 30 years, I learned about the critical role of small businesses in our local economies, and those lessons continue to guide my work today,” said Harry Teague. “Southern New Mexico’s small business owners are the backbone of our local economy and will lead us to economic prosperity. I am proud to accept the Spirit of Enterprise Award today and I will proudly continue fighting for southern New Mexico’s small businesses. ”

A small business man himself, Congressman Teague has continually focused on job creation in southern New Mexico and understands that job growth and small business are critically important for a healthy economy. He hosted a Job Resources Fair tour across the district that connected hundreds of job seekers with over 150 public and private organizations looking for employees. Building on the unprecedented investments of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, he also helped pass the *Small Business and Infrastructure Jobs Act*, designed to help spur new investments in small businesses and provide the capital needed to grow and hire more workers.



*Congressman Harry Teague accepts the Spirit of Enterprise Award from members of the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce*

*From left to right: Alesia Dutton, Chamber Revenue Development Director; Leslie Cervantes, Chamber Board Secretary; Jim Berry, Chamber President/CEO; Rep. Teague; Kiel Hoffman, Chamber Board Chairman; Janet Acosta, Chamber Member Accounts Director; Richard Haas, Chamber Board Treasurer; Scott Krahling, Chamber Board Advisory Member*

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